GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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IMPROVEMENT OF EARNING AND EXTENDING SAFETY TO PASSENGERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have taken some steps in improving earnings and extending safety to passengers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether he has also written to Chief Ministers of all the States in this connection;

(d) if so, the details thereof with the response of the State Governments thereto; and

(e) the action taken by the Railways thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Steps for improving earnings and enhancing safety are a continuous process on Indian Railways.

Many steps have been taken for increasing the earnings like estimation of anticipated traffic well in advance and planning of special trains, analysis of passenger traffic segment wise, augmentation of coaches and running of special trains, increasing the length of the trains to 23-24 coaches, capturing of additional passenger traffic for specific occasions, wide publicity and advance information of available accommodation through various medias, special schemes like tatkal scheme, National Train Enquiry service, improvements in availabilities of tickets, sustained and aggressive ticket checking improvements in customer interface etc.

Safety is accorded highest priority in train operation. Safety is an on-going and continuous process, and is being extended by adopting various methods like mechanized maintenance of track, Radio communication between drivers, station staff and control, Auxiliary Warning System, Anti Collision Device, intensive training by modern methods of training and frequent inspections at various levels to check lapses on the part of staff and others.

(c) to (e) Ministry of Railways writes to State Governments as and when situation warrants especially in respect of subject pertaining to level crossings/ROB.s/RUB'setc. Few State Government have assured necessary action. Action is taken by Railways on case to case basis as deemed necessary.